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constitutional language to allow us to restructure the Public Service Commission. And if there's anyone on the floor who was a little bit ambivalent about that bill but still wanted to get at some of the streamlining that is necessary, vote for this amendment. I think it's a very important step in beginning to look at a consolidation of services providing a clarity of how we go about having regulation that everybody understands. It really allows us to consolidate. And I will be working on the Appropriations Committee to make sure that we end up with some savings as a result of this. So I strongly support the Transportation Committee's amendment and I urge you to do so. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, there are no further lights on, would you like to close on the committee amendment?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Withem, very briefly. I'd like to just remind people what the committee amendments do. It does expand the authority of the Public Service Commission, as Senator Avery has described in his LB 1288, and that is to expand the economic regulation of household good movers who are intracity, not interstate, intracity, within a community. The other is to redefine household goods, the other is the intent language to move and give jurisdiction to the Carrier Enforcement to enforce and carry out those rules and regulations currently done by the Public Service Commission in this area, also to redefine routine permits, change the operative dates to make the act easier to carry out, and to combine the cash funds. And if there are questions, later on, I'd be most happy to talk to you about those. I'd be anxious to talk about the bill as amended. I'd appreciate the adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall the committee amendments to LB 1218 be adopted? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Committee amendments are adopted. We now turn to an opening on the bill. Senator Kristensen.